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NOTE: The following information concerns the personnel and the structure of the State Secretariate of Shipping as of 28 May 1953.

1. Ernst Mollweber - State Secretary 1/

Heinz Hess - SED, Deputy State Secretary, Chief of internal administration, comes from Magdeburg, was previously employed in the Ministry of the Interior as chief of the construction staff, and allocated the government orders for Ruesgen.

2. The following are the heads of the six central sections.

Hess (fnu) - head of the budget section, from Lehnitz

Toelle (fnu) - head of the cadre section, WNU

Feierabend (fnu) - head of the material supply section, does not always follow the party line

Wild (fnu) - head of the commercial section, politically active, has connections with the Central Committee

Kurt Koenig - head of the labor section

Rietzke (fnu) - head of the general administration section, politically neutral.

There are two Main Administrations under the State Secretary.

3a. Salomon (fnu) - head of the Main Administration of Merchant Marine and Harbor Traffic. He forced Schulze (fnu) out, who is now the director of the DSU Berlin.

b. The Main Administration of Merchant Marine and Harbor Traffic is divided into two sections:

Gramsch (fnu) - head of the section for merchant marine for inland waters, SED

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Duerrast (fm) - head of the section for wharves

- c. In addition there are two independent groups under Merchant Marine and Harbor Traffic:

Dr. Goehl (fm) - head of ocean transportation and reloading, SED, experienced export salesman, limits himself to cultural activities, such as membership in the mandolin club

Weber (fm) - head of ship mechanics, technician from Sohl, was formerly a section head but was demoted

- 4a. Keul (fm) - head of the Main Administration of Waterway Construction and Administration, formerly general manager of the General Management for Shipping.

- b. The Main Administration of Waterway Construction and Administration is divided into two sections:

Omann (fm) - head of the Waterway Construction section, formerly an employee of the Berlin Waterway Management

Saenger (fm) - head of the harbor construction section

- c. Waterway Construction and Administration has one independent group:

Bethge (fm) - head of telegraphy, was formerly in the Walter-Ulbricht-Akademie. He is to head the Trustee Office for Inland Shipping.

5. There are two independent sections under the State Secretary:

Lens (fm) - head of the finance control section, SED

Winde (fm) - head of operations control, SED, activist

6. The total number of employees of the State Secretariate was 180.
7. The liaison with the SCC is carried out through Colonel Krasnov (Krasnoff), who is in charge of the Transportation and Communications Section. He is also liaison officer to the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs. All decisions of the State Secretariate are submitted to the SCC. Salomon, Keul, and Wollweber deal with the SCC.
8. The Hunsdorf-Parets canal which was planned to cost 18,000,000 east marks actually cost 135,000,000 eastmarks.
9. Sosna (fm), the first party secretary, Salomon, Toelle, Putscher (fm), and Walter Mueller work for the SSD.
10. The Trustee Office for Inland Shipping is a special office of the former GDS 2/ and has control over the ships which come under paragraph 6 of the Ordinance for the Safeguarding of Property (West German property), dated 17 July 1953, and the administration of foreign property. Zielinski (fm) and Scholwin (fm) are some leading personalities. Frau Holst (fm) is Zielinski's deputy.

1/ FIELD COMMENT: It was announced in the latter part of July that Wollweber had been appointed the State Secretary for State Security under the Ministry of the Interior.

2/ FIELD COMMENT: This can not be identified in available references.